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INDOT Announces *Safe Routes to School* Funding

Thirteen projects around the state will promote walking and biking to school

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has awarded nearly \$2.5 million in federal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funding for projects and activities to provide Indiana school children with safer ways to walk and bike to school.

The goal of Safe Routes to School is to make bicycling and walking to school safe and routine. With a gallon of gas hovering around the \$4 mark, walking and biking to school can be attractive, low-cost alternatives for many students. The federally funded program, now in its third year in Indiana, hopes to reduce traffic congestion, fuel consumption and air pollution near our schools. Walking and biking are also healthy lifestyle choices.

“INDOT is again supporting another great group of projects and activities in 2008 that will help Indiana children discover that biking and walking to school can be safe, fun and healthy,” states Michael O’Loughlin, INDOT’s Safe Routes to School Program Manager.

The majority of students live within walking or biking distance, yet only five percent of students walk and bike to school. Having a plan and educating the community will significantly increase the number of students walking and biking to school. Preparing a plan, educating the community and constructing needed pedestrian and biking facilities will significantly increase the number of students walking and biking to school.

For more information on the Safe Routes to School Program, visit INDOT’s Safe Routes to School Web site at www.saferoutes.in.gov, the Federal Highway Association’s Safe Routes to School Web site at <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/> or the National Center for Safe Routes to School at www.saferoutesinfo.org/.

The following projects and activities were selected for financial support under Indiana’s 2008 Safe Routes to School Program.

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INDOT 2008 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL REIMBURSEMENT WINNERS

Applicant	Description of Project	County	Total Cost
Johnson County	Shared use path, sidewalk & pedestrian bridge	Johnson	\$250,000
City of Mt. Vernon	Sidewalk, curb & gutter w/ramps, crosswalk	Posey	\$240,338
Town of Chandler	School zone flashing beacons & signs	Warrick	\$7,480
City of Lebanon	Shared use path, curb ramps, drainage, markers & bike parking pad	Boone	\$244,750
City of Washington	Sidewalk, curb & gutter w/ramps, crosswalk	Daviess	\$248,435
Town of Cedar Lake	Sidewalk, curb ramps & crosswalks	Lake	\$250,000
City of Salem	Sidewalk, crosswalk, curb w/curb ramps	Washington	\$244,000
Town of Cambridge City	Sidewalk, crosswalk, curb w/curb ramps, signs w/speed detectors	Wayne	\$249,992
Allen County	Sidewalks, crosswalks, truncated domes	Allen	\$96,219
Town of Demotte	Sidewalks & repairs, crosswalks, curb ramps, signs	Jasper	\$250,000
Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp.	Sidewalk, shared use path & curb ramps	Bartholomew	\$247,055
City of Richmond	Sidewalk, curb ramps, crosswalks & signs	Wayne	\$95,000
Monroe Co. Community School Corp.	School route travel plans, identify hazards, solutions & safe routes	Monroe	\$75,000
		TOTAL	\$2,498,269